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Applicant(s) respectfully request(s) that the listed references be considered by the examiner and that the examiner acknowledge consideration of these references by initialing and returning a copy of the attached form(s) with the next Official Action.

Respectfully submitted,



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